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PLANTING PROGRESSES RAPIDLY UNTIL WEEKEND RAINS

Producers worked feverishly preparing ground and planting before weekend rains fell, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Corn, green pea, and oat plantings advanced rapidly while soybeans, dry beans, and canola were just getting underway. Rains were recorded across most of the state with some areas recording 2-3 inches of precipitation.

The average temperature for the week was 49.8°, 1.1° above normal. Statewide topsoil moisture supplies as of Friday, April 28th, were rated 2% very short, 10% short, 75% adequate, and 13% surplus.

Corn planted was 48% complete, jumping 36 percentage points from last week, and 13 points ahead of the five-year average. Green Peas, at 46% planted, advanced 27 percentage points from last week's 19%.

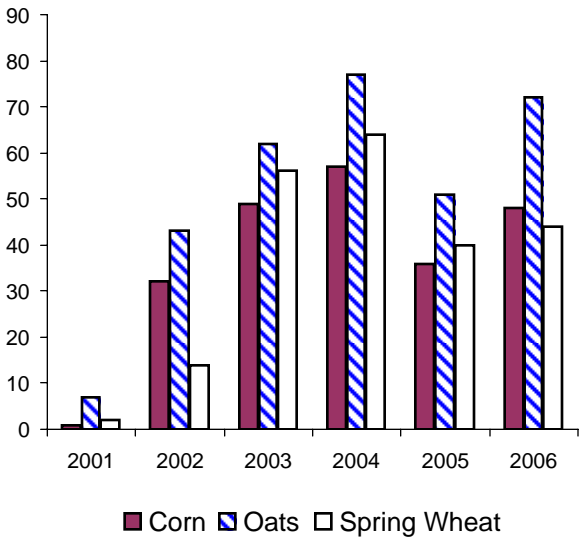
An estimated 44% of Spring Wheat acreage was planted compared to 40% a year ago, and 35% for the five-year average. Oats planted were 72% complete compared to 51% a year ago and 48% for the five-year average. Barley was 46% complete compared to 31% last year, and 27% for the five year-average

Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 5.5				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture (%)	2	10	75	13

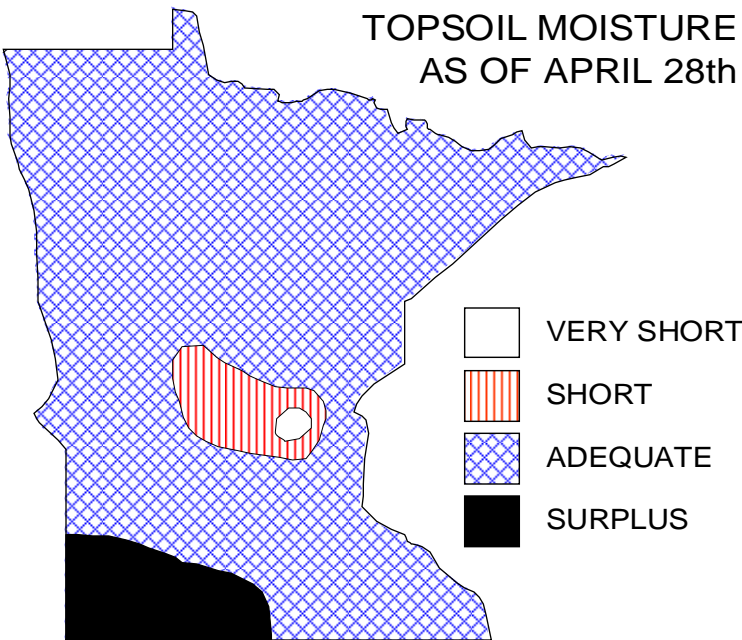
Crop Progress as of April 30, 2006					
Crop	Stage of Development	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
----- Percent -----					
Corn	Land Prepared	63	23	50	48
	Planted	48	12	36	35
Soybeans	Land Prepared	13	7	10	15
	Planted	3	0	1	3
Oats	Planted	72	44	51	48
	Emerged	27	6	18	16
Barley	Planted	46	19	31	27
	Emerged	15	4	7	6
Spring Wheat	Planted	44	16	40	35
	Emerged	7	2	10	9
Sunflowers	Planted	1	0	0	1
Sugarbeets	Planted	46	14	61	48
Potatoes	Planted	45	25	41	34
Sweet Corn	Planted	7	NA	3	6
Dry Beans	Planted	1	NA	1	2
Canola	Planted	1	0	7	7
Green Peas	Planted	46	19	27	28

Crop Condition as of April 28, 2006 in %					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
Pasture	2	5	22	53	18
Alfalfa	2	4	16	59	19
Oats	0	1	29	57	13

CORN, OATS, AND SPRING WHEAT
PLANTED AS OF APRIL 30, 2001-2006



TOPSOIL MOISTURE
AS OF APRIL 28th



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 30, 2006:

Temperatures averaged from 0.4 degree below normal in the Southwest District to 2.5 degrees above normal in the Northwest District. Extremes: 76 degree in Montevideo; 18 degrees in Hibbing. Precipitation averaged from 0.00 inc in the Northeast District to 1.68 inches above normal in the Central District. Greatest weekly total was 3.03 inches recorded in Collegeville.

For a map of Minnesota's precipitation, please see the Minnesota Climatology Group's website; <http://climate.umn.edu/doc/weekmap.asp>.

Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 4/24/2006 through 4/30/2006

	Temperature				Precipitation			
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	Four Weeks	From Norm Since 4/30
<u>NW DIST 1</u>								
Crookston	71	25	48.8	.8	.57	.19	-.28	-.34
Moorhead	74	25	49.5	.1	.99	.61	-.02	-.10
Warroad	73	28	50.2	6.5	.31	-.04	-.38	-.33
<u>NC DIST 2</u>								
Grand Rapids	70	24	47.6	1.0	.75	.27	-.60	-.55
Intl. Falls	67	21	47.2	2.0	.30	-.08	-.15	-.22
Itasca	73	24	46.8	3.0	1.20	.75	.29	.39
<u>NE DIST 3</u>								
Duluth	68	28	45.6	1.3	.85	.33	-.60	-.48
Grand Marais	63	28	43.3	1.1	.46	.09	-.16	.14
Hibbing	68	18	45.1	.2	0	-.41	-1.15	-1.19
<u>WC DIST 4</u>								
Alexandria	69	34	49.6	1.2	1.40	.91	.06	.32
Browns Valley	75	30	49.6	-.7	1.50	1.02	2.21	2.26
Canby	74	29	51.0	.0	2.42	1.87	1.40	1.52
Fergus Falls	73	30	50.6	1.8	1.49	1.08	.76	.76
Montevideo	76	32	47.8	-2.2	1.61	1.04	.57	.99
Morris	73	31	49.3	-.6	1.14	.63	.39	.68
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>								
Becker	73	31	51.8	2.7	2.30	1.66	.84	1.23
Collegeville	72	32	52.0	.6	3.03	2.47	1.84	2.37
Hutchinson	74	33	52.0	1.1	2.04	1.49	1.80	1.67
Olivia	74	33	50.7	.8	2.18	1.59	1.96	2.12
St. Cloud	71	27	48.1	-1.0	2.83	2.30	1.30	1.83
Staples	72	25	47.5	-.1	1.07	.56	-.34	-.22
Willmar	74	34	50.8	.8	2.23	1.69	1.59	1.61
<u>EC DIST 6</u>								
Aitkin	75	25	47.8	1.5	.94	.40	-.20	-.32
Forest Lake	75	31	53.0	3.1	1.13	.50	1.14	1.37
MSP Airport	72	37	53.4	1.5	1.97	1.39	2.74	3.66
St. Paul - UofM	72	34	53.6	.6	2.00	1.35	1.42	2.10
<u>SW DIST 7</u>								
Lamberton	74	32	50.8	.3	2.21	1.53	.74	.93
Pipestone	73	27	48.4	-1.5	1.80	1.18	.70	1.19
Redwood Falls	74	34	51.0	-1.4	2.57	1.95	1.02	1.61
Worthington	72	34	50.5	1.5	2.68	2.02	4.23	4.57
<u>SC DIST 8</u>								
Faribault	71	30	51.5	2.0	1.20	.47	-.43	-.10
Mankato	73	31	51.0	.1	1.88	1.16	.53	1.17
Waseca	72	30	52.0	1.6	1.43	.62	.84	1.16
Winnebago	71	33	52.3	1.7	2.06	1.29	3.75	4.61
<u>SE DIST 9</u>								
Preston	74	26	51.2	1.5	1.04	.22	3.68	3.96
Red Wing	72	37	52.4	1.3	.82	.12	-.26	-.30
Rochester	71	36	52.9	3.2	1.03	.27	1.58	2.41
Rosemount	72	35	51.6	1.2	2.10	1.36	1.29	1.75
Winona	73	37	54.2	1.4	.62	-.22	-.79	-.73

m=some data missing

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